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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 11, 14 and 18 without prejudice.

15. (Amended) A method of separating molecules comprising providing a
cross-linked polymer gel [according to any one of Claims 1-14] comprising a
cross-linking moiety of the formula: